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### NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 7 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., January 16, 2004 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.28 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 7 percent from last year and 2 percent above January 1, 2002.

Placements during December totaled 350,000 head, up 3 percent from 2002 and 17 percent above 2001.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 340,000 head, down 8 percent from last year but 5 percent above December two years ago. Other disappearance during December totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during December 2002 and 15,000 head during December 2001.

### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on January 1, 2004. The inventory was 6 percent above January 1, 2003 but 3 percent below January 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.75 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2002 and 4 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during December, 9 percent below 2002 and 3 percent below 2001.

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